Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

March 26, 2020

Hon. Peter T. Gaynor Administrator Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C St. SW Washington, DC 20024

Dear Administrator Gaynor:

As members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate representing southeastern Pennsylvania, we write in support of the application supported by Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks counties to establish Glen Mills School in Delaware County as a Federal Medical Station (FMS). This FMS is critical to our region's ability to address urgent and expanding medical needs in our districts.

COVID-19 is rapidly spreading across the country and is disproportionately impacting our counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. Given the urgency of this matter, we are pleased to report that the request for the FMS at Glen Mills School represents a collaborative effort within the region, reflects the counsel of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and has the support of our County Departments of Emergency Services and the regional Health Care Coalition. Additionally, it is our understanding that the site was deemed acceptable by the Army Corp of Engineers.

We understand that the primary functions of the FMS would include:

- Serving patients who cannot be discharged to a long-term care facility.
- Serving patients in non-critical need from critical care hospitals.
- Serving patients who are in hospitals and stable, but too ill to be discharged.
- Serving as a standing medical station in case a Long-Term Care Facility is evacuated.

Based on the observed progression of COVID-19, we expect that hospitals in our region will require significant assistance from a Federal Medical Station in order to provide high quality care to our constituents. We ask that you move quickly to

approve the application for a Federal Medical Station at Glen Mills School. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Senator Bob Casey Senator Pat Toomey Congressman Dwight Evans Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick Congresswoman Madeleine Dean Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan